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SUBJECT:CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY RE ZIMBABWEAN DETAINEES

REF: LUSAKA 839 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS HAS SENT TO DEPT. LETTER
QUOTED BELOW:

"I HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED REPORTS THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF
PERSONS OF ZIMBABWEAN ORIGIN ARE BEING DETAINED OR
IMPRISONED IN ZAMBIA, THAT THEY ARE BEING ILL-TREATED AND
PERHAPS TORTURED, AND THAT THEY HAVE BEEN HELD FOR SOME
TIME WITHOUT BEING CHARGED. IT IS FURTHER REPORTED THAT
THE DIRECTOR OF PROSECUTIONS OF ZAMBIA HAS RESIGNED,
ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE OF HIS CONCERN OVER THE CHARGES THE
GOVERNMENT PROPOSED TO PREFER.

ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, I WOULD LIKE THE DEPARTMENT'S
ASSESSMENT AS TO THE ACCURACY OF EACH OF THESE ALLEGATIONS."

2. IN PREPARING RESPONSE TO LETTER DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE
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RECEIVING ASAP UPDATE ON STATUS OF ZIMBABWEAN DETAINEES AND

ANY INFO EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE REGARDING THE VARIOUS ALLEGATIONS MENTIONED IN THE LETTER. KISSINGER

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